

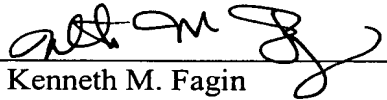
**REMARKS**

Claims 16-19 are pending in the application, with claims 18 and 19 being withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 20 and 21 correspond to claims 16 and 17 (elected for prosecution), with claims 20 and 21 reciting "an intervening layer" instead of "a middle layer" as in claims 16 and 17.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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